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Congressman Mays Makes a Fine Talk

Acceded To Request of Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce And Secured Government Agricultural Expert.

Hon. Dannitte H. Mays, member of Congress from the Third District, addressed last Friday night a large and interested gathering of citizens in the City Hall. The occasion was the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. There were in attendance several of the most prominent of the farmers of Leon county, as well as a representative class of townsmen, all enthusiastically interested in the work being accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mays had come to Tallahassee on business, and was urged to remain over to speak to the members of the Chamber about improved methods of farming. Being a practical farmer himself, he is much interested in following development made in this most important of industries, and was able to speak with authority concerning the practical value of soil analysis, seed selection, and of how and when to use the various kinds of fertilizers.

Through the efforts of Mr. Mays in Washington, the services of an agricultural expert employed by the government has been secured for this section. This expert will make periodical visits among the farmers for the purpose of examining and analyzing soils, and of giving instruction in the latest improved methods of producing crops. There will also be a local manager of wide and thorough practical knowledge, paid by the government, to devote his whole time and attention to giving his assistance and advice to those planters who are endeavoring to run their farms on an improved and scientific basis.

Mr. Mays assured his audience that, as a result of a use of improved methods and seeds, the soil of Leon county can be made to produce from three to ten times the amount of the present crops. Then, as a natural sequence, it will follow that the land values will be largely increased, and many acres now lying idle will be put under cultivation. He spoke strongly on the subject of the use of improved seeds, and some of his audience testified to the value of these seeds in their own practical experience. He said his improved cotton seed had been demonstrated to be far more productive than that heretofore used. Mr. Mays urged the members of the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants of Tallahassee to secure a certain amount of these improved seeds for free distribution among such farmers as will place themselves under the guidance of the government expert. As a token of his interest and good faith in this good seeds movement, Mr. Mays contributed \$20.00 to any fund hereafter raised by the members. This matter will be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Chamber, and subscriptions solicited for money to be used in the purchase of seed.

In a discussion of the various factors to be employed in the development of Tallahassee, the desirability of obtaining deep water at St. Marks was brought up. Mr. Mays made known his intention of visiting St. Marks for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of this project, in order that he might be able to make an intelligent report of conditions and requirements when he returned to Washington. The re-establishment of this ancient port will mean much to Tallahassee in the way of lower freight rates and quicker transportation.

Among future improvements which are being arranged for by the Chamber of Commerce are a cotton mill, and an extra paper-making plant. It is generally conceded that there is nowhere a soil better adapted to the cultivation of okra than that of Leon county. Besides there are various woods in this section admirably adapted to the manufacture of paper.

By a unanimous vote of the members, Mr. Mays was made an honorary member of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, but, while thanking the members for the implied compliment, he declared his wish to become an active member instead, whereupon his name was enthusiastically added to the growing list of members.

The Lurid Glow of Doom

was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams, of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors. "But," said the poisoned blood had affected his lungs and nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, sores and all blood disorders and rheumatism, Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed by all druggists. 23-1m

HOW ABOUT A BIG COTTON MILL. A Gentleman Writes The True Democrat That A Company Is Willing To Put \$150,000 In Tallahassee In Such An Enterprise.

A gentleman, whose name and address we think advisable to suppress, thus writes The True Democrat:

True Democrat, Tallahassee, Fla.:

Dear Sir--I note that you are pushing for a cotton mill at your place, and must say that this is a step in the line of progress. The writer is an experienced cotton mill manager and knows the good effects derived from cotton mills. I have seen small towns grow within a few years to cities purely from the effect of establishing a small mill. I have never known of a mill properly managed that did not make money rapidly. The cost to build and equip a mill is about \$20.00 per spindle, that is where you buy site, build operatives

houses, etc., in fact sole cost of everything complete. The mill properly managed should pay 15 to 20 per cent. annually, that is provided you keep all machinery on the go. I have made at the rate of 40 per cent. for a few months, but all months are not alike as you know in any business. Cotton milling is beyond a doubt the best and most reliable business in existence today. The cotton milling districts stood the panic, and have just gone through better than any other section I know of.

I know of a man who will go to your place, build and equip a mill, and put into running, then turn it over to local board of directors, also take \$150,000 stock, if the people in and around Tallahassee will come up with equal amount. The man is president of and director of several cotton mills in some of the upper

States. I lived near your place last year, and talked with several of your citizens concerning a cotton mill at Tallahassee. All seemed interested. Mr. Saxon was ready to take five or ten thousand dollars stock. You have an ideal place for a cotton mill, and within a few years you will have it, the sooner the better. I myself will take \$5,000. If anything of the kind is in the wind I shall be very glad to know of it. Just now is a good time to begin work on such an enterprise. Money is easy, and all capitalists are anxious to come South to invest. I had a concern to say that they would float bonds for a mill in Florida.

This is not written for publication but as an endorsement of your efforts in the right direction.

Yours truly,

LET THE FARMERS UNITE.

Their Interests Will Be Greatly Sub-served Thereby.

Editor Democrat--The organization of the farmers of Leon into precinct and county farmers institutes will result in great good, and is the right step in the right direction, taken for the permanent betterment of our agricultural and commercial and social condition.

It will be a means of bringing together the people from all sections of the county, and if every man will make an effort for its success we will in a short time see a change in many ways. It has generally been believed that any man possessed of physical strength, and who could rent a mule and forty acres, was equipped for farming. Educational qualifications have never been considered a necessity, it being generally considered that a man who could do nothing else could farm. But we are awaking to the fact that in no line of business is there greater need of intelligence, and no man will be able in the future to derive from his lands what they are capable of producing without the adoption of the scientific principles which have been established through long years of patient toil by the individuals and our national government. There is now arrangements being made for our county to have men from the Agricultural Department to be here next season, and in order for them to accomplish the most good it is absolutely necessary that every intelligent farmer in the county should become a member of his precinct organization, so that they can have meetings and listen to these agricultural teachings.

Our Congressman, Hon. Dannitte Mays, a farmer, seeing the needs of his district, will do all in his power to obtain for us all national assistance. So let's all get together and make old Leon the greatest county in the State. We have the lands, and all that is necessary is a knowledge of agriculture. Cotton is king. We need not try to de-throne him. The reason we do not make more of him is because we neglect him, treat him right and feed him well and he will drive hard times from his kingdom.

All kinds of plain sewing, children's rompers, underwear, waists, skirts, men's shirts and children's dresses. Good work and low price. Call on or address Mrs. R. E. Lee, 778 South Monroe street. 23 tf

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SELLING RIGHT OF WAY.

The Projectors of the Quitman and Gulf Railroad Are at Work.

Hon G. Noble Jones, of Savannah, Ga., was in the city a few days ago. He is visiting his beautiful plantation, which lies in the neighborhood of Lloyd and Chaires, partly in Jefferson county and partly in Leon. Mr. Jones stated that he has recently been applied to by the gentlemen interested in the building of the new railroad from Quitman, Ga., through Monticello to the Gulf, for a right of way through his property. Their request was granted, and the plans of the projectors furthered by permission to cut cypress logs from his land for use in the building of the road. It is hoped other land-owners will follow Mr. Jones' public-spirited example. An offer has been made by the Chamber of Commerce of assistance in the construction of this road, provided that it will be built to pass through Tallahassee on its way to the Gulf.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE.

Some News Notes About the Approaching Opening.

The prospects for a large attendance at the Florida State College for Women are very promising. More reservations have already been made than in previous years.

The new laundry building is rapidly nearing completion. As soon as completed the machinery will be installed. This laundry will be a great convenience to the students.

Miss Martha M. Cline, Director of the School of Music, and Miss Sarah Y. Cline, Instructor in Voice Culture, are spending the summer in Holmes, New York. Miss Sarah is taking lessons under the famous George Downing. Before coming to Tallahassee they will spend a week or ten days in Washington, D. C.

Professor L. S. Barber, B. S., Assistant Prof. of Chemistry and Biology in the Normal School, is in his laboratory daily getting ready for the year's work. Professor Barber, though a new member of the faculty, is not a stranger here, he was the popular Principal of the Leon High School for the last two years.

Miss Shirley Long, A. M., Instructor in Latin and Mathematics, will arrive soon for the opening of the term. She is spending the summer at Chicago University, doing post-graduate work.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is to be held on Monday, 13th, at 4 o'clock, in the Baptist Church, at which time we hope the officers and superintendents of departments will be prepared to make reports for the year. Officers will be elected at that time, superintendents appointed at the meeting following.

We trust there will be a full attendance, and that the members, as far as possible, will pay their dues for the ensuing year, that our number may not fall short in the report to National Convention.

If we are rained out on Monday, will hold the meeting Tuesday, as the blanks are to be filled and sent in on the 15th.

The August meeting was not held on account of rain, and for that reason there will be a short time given to medical temperance, which subject was to have been studied more at length at that time. It is surprising the ignorance that exists on this very important subject among our own members, the public in general, and with many physicians who are intelligent on most subjects pertaining to their profession.

There is much being written and talked now on the non-use of alcoholic liquor in the treatment of diseases, especially in tuberculosis.

The World's Congress on Alcoholism, recently held in London, "was a far cry from the moderation spoken of in the earlier Congresses to the Twelfth Congress. It was great because of the advance ground it took on total abstinence and prohibition. It was great because of the stand it took for the protection of children, especially in regard to their compulsory education and in favor of voluntary total abstinence. It was great in its breadth of thought--giving earnest attention to international prohibition of the sale of liquor to the uncivilized and half-civilized races of the world."

President Local Union.

Health and Beauty Aid.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

Program For Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Trinity will observe October 4th to 10th as a week of prayer, with the following program:

Monday afternoon, October 4th, four o'clock, Mrs. P. T. Mickler, leader.

Helpers, Mesdames H. T. Felkel, J. Ferrell, F. B. Blackburn, L. W. Moor, T. Temple, T. Humphries, O. C. VanBrunt and Miss Jessie C. Meginniss.

Special Topic: The Consecrated Life and Tithing.

Tuesday, October 5th, 4 o'clock. Leader, Mrs. W. M. McIntosh.

Helpers, Mesdames Nellie Clark, E. G. Chesley, M. F. Mullikin, J. Neeley, G. I. Davis, Emory Tully, E. Cureton, W. A. Zachary, G. Saxon, A. Spiller, B. M. Cates, R. K. Durant, P. T. Mickler.

Special Topic: Our Mountain Schools, Wednesday, October 6th. Leader, Mrs. F. B. Blackburn.

Helpers, Mesdames Wm. Childs, L. A. Proctor, G. M. Davis, Milton A. Smith, W. M. McIntosh, C. Vann, J. C. Byers, J. H. Tryon, M. H. Johnson, Dessie Duncan and Miss Jessie Blake.

Special Topic: Our Educational Work for Foreigners.

Thursday, October 7th, 4 o'clock. Leader, Mrs. B. M. Cates.

Helpers, Mesdames B. L. Evans, L. C. Edmondson, W. C. Tully, F. C. Gilmore, C. M. Strange, M. V. Nicholson, A. E. Harrison, H. S. Reeves, W. E. Lester, I. S. Patterson and Miss Gatsy Moor.

Special Topic: Education in Rescue and Preventive Work.

Friday, October 8th, 4 o'clock. Leader, Mrs. T. B. Byrd.

Helpers, Mesdames O. C. VanBrunt, V. F. Bowen, Eva Hodges, G. Hartt, W. L. Moor, I. S. Patterson, A. C. Watson, J. A. McLauren, F. Mercer, M. H. Collins, R. C. Curry.

Special Topic: Parsonage, Supplies and Local Work.

Sunday night, 8 o'clock, sermon by Rev. I. S. Patterson. Subject, Home Missions.

The leaders will please notify those who are to help in time, assign topics, and assist in getting up the papers for their meeting.

Let all members attend this week of prayer and receive a blessing. The free will offering during the week will go to the Mountain School, Sue Bennett Memorial.

All members of the church and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

MRS. I. S. PATTERSON,
President.

EVERGLADE LANDS.

Former Purchasers Buy More at Advanced Figures.

Messrs. Sanders and Boggs, who were granted by the I. I. Trustees under the Broward administration, January 4, 1908, a contract for 10,000 acres of State lands at \$3.00 per acre, on September 2d applied for and received a further grant of Everglade lands at a much advanced price per acre; provided, however, that a canal, 20 feet wide and six inches deep, which the former contract demanded, should be constructed entirely around the original grant, should be at least two-thirds finished by January 1, 1911. Also, that work on the dredges to be used in the construction of the canal shall be begun within 60 days, and actual digging operations be begun within six months of this later agreement, and carried on as expeditiously as possible. Otherwise, the purchasing party will forfeit all their rights under both contracts.

Governor Gilchrist At Hot Springs

A Paper of That City Secures An Interesting Interview From Him.

The following is from the Hot Springs, Ark., Sentinel Record of September 2: Governor Gilchrist, of Florida, one of the most prominent executives in national political affairs, is at the Arlington Hotel, taking a rest, after a visit to the West Coast, where he viewed the big exposition.

Before coming to Hot Springs, Governor Gilchrist stopped over in Little Rock to see the State officials, and talk over political affairs.

Governor Gilchrist was elected Governor of Florida last fall on a local option platform over a State-wide candidate, beating a State-wide prohibitionists by 30,000 votes of the 50,000 cast. In Florida, the term of the governor is four years.

While Arkansas' prosperity took the eye of the Florida executive, the political system in vogue in this State did not appeal to him.

Answering a chance question if he could not persuade Governor Donaghey to go to Hot Springs with him, he said: "The governor hasn't much time for anything I guess, with politics warming up. And that is just the fault of your electing a governor every two years. He no sooner gets into office after a year's campaigning than he has to begin campaigning again to get a second term. Now I was elected last year for four years and cannot succeed myself. So I'm out of politics and have time to attend to the business of the State and incidentally, I suppose you notice, to take a month's vacation during the summer."

"Having the legislature meet every two years is another troublesome thing. You hardly get your laws codified before another legislature changes them. We have a session every two years in our State, but if I could have my way I would make it every four years. In Georgia they have it. They elect a governor every two years and the legislature meets every year."

"What I'm interested in now is helping to get the Democratic party ready for the next presidential election so they'll win. (Governor Gilchrist is a prominent figure in Democratic national politics.) I want them to formulate a platform that will win--to learn from the success of the Republicans and not put forth a platform that will alienate thousands and thousands of voters by prescribing methods. I would have them cling to Democratic principles and would reform abuses by wealth and corporations but I would not prescribe methods. For instance, the Democratic platform declared for an income tax and alienated a quarter of a million votes."

The Republicans kept still, got the votes, and propose to put it on any way, now that they are in. The Democrats said: 'We will revise the tariff downward.' The Republicans promised the revision but did not say whether up or down. The Democrats promised a corporation tax and alienated a quarter of a million votes more. The Republicans were silent and got the votes, and put it on just the same afterward.

"You get the idea--they alienate a few votes as possible, promise only in general terms and leave the methods to be worked out after they get in. It's what they have been winning on for 40 years. The Democrats tell exactly what they will do for the people; each plank alienates a certain class or clique which gets out and fights the whole platform because of the one plank objectionable to him. The result--defeat. We want to learn from the success of our opponents and fight it out next time on straight Democratic principles, which the people at heart believe in, and we will win."

General Gilchrist expressed great admiration of the general lines of the uncompleted capitol. He said that he thought the building would be one of the most magnificent in the entire country, and said that it would be a much better capitol than the one in Florida.

Meridian News.

Meridian, September 3.--Mrs. Helen Coe has opened the Meridian School. May it prove profitable both to her and the children.

R. J. Bannerman and family have moved back to his old place. Guess he is tired of tobacco. It has been so hot up here that the devil is talking about leaving until cool weather.

Sheriff Houston captured three blind tigers in this neighborhood. The tigers had better watch out, for the sheriff has two good eyes, and both wide open.

If I should tell of all the comers and goers your readers would think there was no work going on up here. And indeed there is not much.

GREEN WARD.

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